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1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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Art Unit: 3653


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, a list of documents is disclosed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that may be material to the examination of this application. The listed Documents are enclosed herewith.

Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

No inferences should be drawn that the attached list represents a comprehensive investigation, or that any material disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. In addition, none of the documents that have publication dates prior to the priority date of the above application anticipate the invention in this application.

A Korean Office Action (translation), which cited these references, is also enclosed.

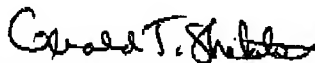
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		Document Number	Date	Name of Patentee	Class	Subclass	Translation Yes No
		JP 10-320607	12/04/1998	Itako et al.			Abs
		JP 11-019330	01/26/1999	Yonozawa			Abs
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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(Brief Translation)

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NOTICE TO SUBMIT A RESPONSE

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PATENT APPLICATION NO.: 2001-0060571

TITLE: COIN PROCESSING DEVICE

With respect to the above-identified application, the applicant is hereby notified of an Office Action based on the below-mentioned grounds according to Article 63 of the Patent Act and invited to submit as response and/or an amendment, if any, by January 24, 2004.

[GROUNDS]

In the Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under Article 29(2) of the Patent Act as being unpatentable over Itako et al. (Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 10-820607, published on December 4, 1998) in view of Yonezawa et al. (Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 11-019330, published on January 26, 1999).

Claim 1 of the present invention is related to a coin processing device which ascertains genuine or counterfeit nature and denomination of inserted coins, accommodates coins that have been ascertained to be genuine according to denomination, and pays out the accommodated coins via a coin pay-out slot according to the amount of change, comprising a coin-type IC card processing means for ascertaining genuine or counterfeit nature of inserted coin-type IC cards. The coin processing device performs input and output of information into and from the coin-type IC cards that have been ascertained to be genuine, and discharges the coin-type IC cards from the coin pay-out slot, whereby processes both the coins and coin-type IC cards.

However, Itako et al. disclose a method and a device for discriminating money, in which a detecting means 11 detects features of money thrown in from a money throw-in part 2 according to the output of a feature sensor 3 and a comparing means 14 judges whether or not the thrown-in money is genuine. When the thrown-in money is false, the money is returned and a reception inhibition timer 15 is placed in operation to reject thrown-in money irrespective of whether the money is genuine or not as long as the reception inhibition timer 150 is in operation. Yonezawa et al. teach a game machine and money collecting management system which easily deals with a revision of the game charge, by equipping a reader-writer to read data out/in a coin-type IC card. The money collecting and management system writes a used amount of money and data corresponding to a residual amount of money by subtracting the used amount into a coin-type IC card and discharging the card. Therefore, it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art to

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combine the teachings from Itako et al. and Yonezawa et al.

[APPENDED]

1. Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 10-320607 (published on December 4, 1998)
2. Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 11-019330, published on January 26, 1999).

November 24, 2003

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